



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 26, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“As a geographic region, the San Fernando Valley encompasses the cities of San Fernando, Burbank, Glendale, and Calabasas as well as portions of the City of Los Angeles and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County. Because this region is physically so distinct, many residents of the San Fernando Valley identify as such and many business and nonprofit groups have been organized to serve the entire San Fernando Valley.

“Census data can be extremely valuable in this endeavor. However, until very recently, the United States Census Bureau did not provide census data for the San Fernando Valley as a region. In 2003 this Board sent a five-signature letter to the Census Bureau requesting the creation of a ‘County Census Division,’ or CCD, that would allow for the generation of census data for the San Fernando Valley. As a result of this and similar expressions of support from the City of Los Angeles, Valley Industry & Commerce Association, Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, and other local government entities and community organizations, the Census Bureau agreed to the creation of the CCD. The boundaries for the CCD were agreed upon in 2005 and the Valley began receiving results from the ‘American Community Survey’ process (an effort to provide census data more frequently than the decennial census) several months ago. These results were immediately put to use for the benefit of residents, businesses and nonprofit groups living, working and providing services in the San Fernando Valley, enabling them to analyze business trends, respond to requests for proposals, and deploy limited resources in the most effective way.

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“Unfortunately, the Census Bureau has now published its intention in the April 6, 2007 Federal Register to ‘consider eliminating CCDs for the 2010 Census’ and is soliciting input from interested parties to ascertain ‘whether data users still find CCDs to be a useful geographic entity for reporting and analyzing statistical data.’ Comments on this proposal are due prior to July 5, 2007.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter, prior to the due date of July 5, 2007, to the United States Census Bureau expressing the County’s strong support for retention of the San Fernando Valley County Census Division (CCD) with the letter to include the following:
 - Stress for what purposes to CCD data has been used, including the preparation of economic forecasts;
 - Propose future uses such as the creation of an official planning subregion under the Southern California Association of Governments; and
 - Emphasize the readily-identifiable and cohesive nature of the San Fernando Valley community.

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Letter sent to:

Director, United States Census Bureau